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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/18/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 396-404 and 440-455.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

/Hani M. Kazimi/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3691

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on January 18, 2008. Claims 396-404 and 440-455 are pending in this application.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Erika H. Armer on January 18, 2008. The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 - 395. (Cancelled)

396. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method by an accumulator agency of processing through a bank a child support disbursement from a governmental

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state entity of the United States, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities, comprising the steps[[, performed by a processor,]] of:

transmitting by the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, through the bank child support disbursement information to the state;

receiving at the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, through the bank child support disbursement transaction information from the state regarding authorization for the child support disbursement as an addendum transaction; and

executing by the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, through the bank the child support disbursement to a recipient.

397. (Previously presented) The method of claim 396, wherein the transmitting step occurs by an addendum-based EDI transaction.

398. (Previously presented) The method of claim 396, wherein the executing step includes the substep of paying the recipient via one of paper check, direct deposit, and debit deposit.

399. (Previously presented) The method of claim 396, further comprising the step of: issuing an invoice for the child support disbursement.

400. (Previously presented) A system at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support disbursement from a governmental state entity of the

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United States, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities, comprising:

a transmitting hardware component configured to transmit by the accumulator agency through the bank child support disbursement information to the state;

a receiving hardware component configured to receive at the accumulator agency through the bank child support disbursement transaction information from the state regarding authorization for the child support disbursement as an addendum transaction; and

an executing hardware component configured to execute by the accumulator agency through the bank the child support disbursement to a recipient.

401. (Previously presented) The system of claim 400, wherein the transmitting component occurs by an addendum-based EDI transaction.

402. (Previously presented) The system of claim 400, wherein the executing component further includes a child support paying component configured to pay the recipient via one of paper check, direct deposit, and debit deposit.

403. (Previously presented) The system of claim 400, further comprising an issuing component configured to issue an invoice for the child support disbursement.

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404. (Previously presented) A computer usable medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computer at an accumulator agency to perform a method for processing through a bank a child support disbursement from a governmental state entity of the United States, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities, the method comprising:

transmitting by the accumulator agency through the bank child support disbursement information to the state;

receiving at the accumulator agency through the bank child support disbursement transaction information from the state regarding authorization for the child support disbursement as an addendum transaction; and

executing by the accumulator agency through the bank the child support disbursement to a recipient.

405-439. (Cancelled)

440. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method by an accumulator agency of accumulating a child support payment through a bank and processing a child support disbursement to a governmental state entity of the United States, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities, comprising the steps[[, performed by a processor,]] of:

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instituting at the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, the child support payment with child support disbursement information from an employee to a recipient through an employer;

receiving the child support payment and the child support disbursement information at the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, from the employer;

initiating by the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, the child support payment through the bank as a debit transaction;

transmitting by the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, the child support disbursement to the state as a first addendum transaction;

receiving at the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, child support disbursement transaction information from the state regarding the child support disbursement to the recipient as a second addendum transaction; and

executing by the accumulator agency, using a computer processor, the child support disbursement to the recipient.

441. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, further comprising the step of:

issuing an invoice for the child support disbursement to the recipient.

442. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the child support payment is an alimony child support payment.

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443. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the child support payment is a payment on a judgment.

444. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the child support payment is a payment on an attachment.

445. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the employee is a noncustodial parent.

446. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the recipient is a custodial parent.

447. (Previously presented) The method of claim 440, wherein the executing step further includes the substep of paying the recipient via one of paper check, direct deposit, and debit deposit.

448. (Currently amended) A system at an accumulator agency for accumulating a child support payment through a bank and processing a child support disbursement to a governmental state entity of the United States, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities comprising:

an instituting hardware component configured to institute at the accumulator agency the child support payment with child support disbursement information from an employee to a recipient through an employer;

a first receiving hardware component configured to receive the child support payment and the child support disbursement information at the accumulator agency from the employer;

an initiating hardware component configured to initiate by the accumulator agency the child support payment through a-the bank as a debit transaction;

a second transmitting hardware component configured to transmit by the accumulator agency the child support disbursement to a-the state as a first addendum transaction;

a receiving hardware component configured to receive at the accumulator agency child support disbursement transaction information from the state regarding the child support disbursement to the recipient as a second addendum transaction; and

an executing hardware component configured to execute by the accumulator agency the child support disbursement to the recipient.

449. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, further comprising: an issuing component configured to issue an invoice for the child support disbursement to the recipient.

450. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the child support payment is an alimony child support payment.

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451. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the child support payment is a payment on a judgment.

452. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the child support payment is a payment on an attachment.

453. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the employee is a noncustodial parent.

454. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the recipient is a custodial parent.

455. (Previously presented) The system of claim 448, wherein the executing component further includes a child support paying component configured to pay the recipient via one of paper check, direct deposit, and debit deposit.

456-483. (Cancelled)

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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